LOYAL MOURNER

FOR THE

Best of Princes:

Being A

COLLECTION

OF

POEMS

Sacred to the Immortal Memory of Her late MAJESTY

Queen ANNE.

By a Society of GENTLEMEN.
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PREFACE.

THE Duty of an Editor is to give a faithful account of the Work he gives to the Publick; and the it lies in the Breast of every Reader to condemn or approve at his own Pleasure, yet he should hold himself inexcusable, if he did not say something in the Desence of this Undertaking. The Man who is offended without Reason, is the likeliest to grow into Temper again without it too, and therefore to the angry Person, whose Passions and Prejudices work highest he has nothing to say, well knowing that he expects no Conviction, but what proceeds from his dear self.

To the Impartial, or those of a more serious turn of Temper, he has something to offer, which he hopes they will take well, since the following Entertainment aims only at their own Satisfaction, by attempting to recommend to them the Virtues of Her late Pious Majesty.

But to the Work: It is well known that it was formerly a Custom, and not long discontinued, for our two celebrated Universities on occasions of Publick Joy or Mouring, to publish English Verses as well as Latin; and the Curious may see in those Collections some as sine Pieces as any that have appeared in Print after another Manner. Instances there are abundance of this kind, to justisse my Assertion, when the Sprats and Bathursts in one University, or of later Tears the Montagues and the Scepneys in the

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other wrote so, as hardly ever to have exceeded themselves afterwards. But of late Tears the Fashion is altered, and those Learned Bodies speak only in Greek and Latin, so that nine parts in ten who have a taste of Poetry are excluded the Benefit of becoming Readers. Not to mention that there are a great many who have no regard to the Muses upon ordinary occasions, who are very willing to hear what is said of Princes and of Kings. To make some amends for the deficiency of the Learned, and satisfy the Curiosity of the Unlearned, this Collection was begun; and I was fo happy at my first setting out, to fall on a Poem of the late Laureat on this Occasion, the last and best that ever be wrote. This encouraged me in the Work, and I foon found that my Hands were full of Materials, and only required some time in the Choice and Disposition of the Collection. The late Queen had so endeared Her Self to all Her Subjects, that I found she had made some Poets who were never intended for it by Nature. These I reckoned among the Class of well-meaning Men of hort Powers, and so chose rather to speak well of their Design, than expose their Performances.

This is a true account of the Rise and Progress of this Work, which by the antedating demands of the Publick, I conjectured would be acceptable, and so by a careful choice took care to make the Price easie to the Purchaser. The badness of the Season, and the multiplicity of other Matters in the Press, hindred my being punctual in the Performance of my Promise: But, I hope, a good Deed can never be too late; and for my own part, I have only this to say to the Reader, That if there is any Thing here that can endear the Memory of that excellent Princess to Her People, or perpetuate Her Vertues, the Design and Pains are answered of her greanest Admirer.

Charles Oldisworth.

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Her late MAJESTY.

By the Pattern and Portraiture of our late excellent PRINCESS; we may frame a periodic Idea of what RULERS should be, by only

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an Apprehension, That God standeth in the Congregation of Princes, and is a Judge among Gods: (If this I say,) be a prime Ingredient in the Royal Character; This, was wrought up in the Mind of our departed Sovereign, to its highest pitch of Insluence and Efficacy. The Hours She dedicated to the more immediate Service of Her Heavenly Master, Her Publick and Private Devotions witness'd it.

THE Splendor and Grandeur of a Court could not deface those Impressions of an early Piety, which She carried along with Her, through various Changes of Fortune, which never forsook Her till She resign'd Her Life.

HOW true She was to the Church, which bred and baptized Her, was sufficiently attested by manifold Tryals, which sew of Her Rank and Station have been ever put to.

WHAT She was in Her Private and Domestick Character; how Good and Gracious to those about Her; how Courteous and Affable to all; how little querulous or impatient under the Infirmities of a broken Constitution; they will ever (it is hop'd) remember with Gratitude and Affection who had the Honour of attending Her Royal Perform

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Son, and thence of observing Majesty unveil'd, and descen-

ing to the Familiarities of common Life.

IN Her Conjugal State (whilft that Bleffing was continued to Her) how rare and fingular was the Pattern she set, of the Virtues which adorn, and which only can make it happy! The Day which severed the PRINGE from the QUEEN, slaoken'd (we may reckon) the Bands of Union between Her Soul and Body; which after the shock of that first Convulsion, did never well accord with each other. In bim she lost a Friend, who divided with Her the secret Burdens and Mournings of Her Spirit; and a Friend is a Jewel not often sound amongst Crowns and Scepters, and the Blaze of Courts.

IF we ascend yet higher, from her Private to her more Publick Character; such a Scene of Wonders will thence be opened to our Memories, (the Wisdom of Her Councils, the Success of Her Arms, and the Conduct of Her Treaties,) as will deserve an Historian, equal to one of Her Noble Aneestors; and yet will hardly find Credit from Posterity, even when so related. But let us rather consider Her, cloath'd, as She always was, with the Robes of Righteousness,

with the Ornaments and Graces of the Gospel.

A Sense of Religion, and a tender Regard to the People's Welfare, finish the Character of a Prince, after God's own Heart.

NOW what Her Sense of Religion was, each Day of her Life gave some signal Proof; and none more Signal nor more Exemplary, than those which preceded her Solemn Change! Here Her Patience and Resignation, Her Affiance in God as Her Savour, and Her Reverential Fear of Him as Her Judge, had all their proper Tests; and came

off from each, with Honour and with Victory.

WHAT a tender Regard She had to Her People's Welfare, What earnest Longing to make them easy and happy, Her whole Reign is one continued Testimony: And I wish there were not too much Reason to suspect, That She Seal'd, at last, that Testimony with Her Death; that She died, I mean, the sooner, for Her Care, to make us a contended and easy People.

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and no wrong; but with Her it was a Maxim, that She would do none: So that as our Laws do not charge the Prince with Grievances, common Equity will discharge Her from them, whose Will was ever averse from them.

Frailty, which the most consummate Wisdom is not always exempt from; and which the most condescensive Natures often lie most open to: So that Errors of this Kind are no otherwise to be accounted, than as the Shades of a finished Character; or as the Foils of Great and Illustrious Virtues.

TO stick upon these, and to neglect a thousand Excellencies, is a Barbarity, which no Subjects, but English ones, dare offer to the Memory of their sovereign; and none but the worst of English ones, would offer to the Ashes of

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ALL Orders and Degrees of Men among us, have tafled Her Indulgence; and (whick perhaps will better commend the clemency of Her Disposition, than the Wisdom of Her Government) even all Parties and Fallions have had a share in it.

THESE, indeed, were the flunding Embarrassments and Mistortunes of Her Reign; what made Her crown, and Her very Life, at last a Burden. She could have m rest in Her Spirit, because others would have none in theirs. So tenderly did the sympathize with Her People's Instrmities, that their Jealousies and Fears, were Her Agonies and Torments.

BUT though all her People, and all their Concernments lav near her Heart; yet none had the Honour of a nearer Approach to it, than they, whose Province it is to mait at the Altar, and to Minister in Holy Things: Nor on any therefore, more strictly, than on these, doth Gratitude sasten its Bonds and Obligations.

A S Religion was her principal Care, and She (a) bad

⁽a) Pfal. xvi. 8.

fet the Lord always before Her: fo the (b) Houses of God and the Offices thereof were regarded by her, with a Munificence proportioned to her Sente of their Wants, and to the Importance of sundying them. G d we trust bath rememberd, and will yet remember Her concerning this; nor will any Time wipe out the Memory of the good Deeds which She hath done.

She hath now a Rest from all her Labours; the Insolencies of Fastish do not corture Her; the Madness of the Reople doth not affect Her; Her Works follow Her, and She feels, we doubt not, the bested Difference between the Scepter of an Earthly, and an Hesvenly Kingdom; between a Crown surcharged with Cares and Fears, bester with Design and Interest, and endless Contests, and a Crown, which hath All, and infinitely more than All, the Splendor and Felicity of the former, without the dark side of its Incumbrances and Torments. The oppressive weight of the One, hath hastened, in all likelihood, Her Approaches to the other. Here, and here only, Her People's Interests, and Hers, were separated; since here She is a Gainer by their Loss: The single Instance wherein She was ever so! And nothing but Death could have produced even this Example!

Let Her live long in the Hearts of Her People; and let Her Name be celebrated with Honour, even by our latest Posterity; Let Her Mem in be even precious with us, as Her Death is in the fight of God; and tet no virulent Tongue asperse or darken it, without our despest Resentments, as

of a common Injury.

A N D as She ever had while Living, the Hearts of Her People, so would it be ungenerous in them, were they at Her Death to drop Her Memory without its proper Honours.

⁽t) Nehemiab x ii, 14. Witness to this Purpose, Her Noble Gift of the First Fruits or Tenths to the poorer Clergy; and Her Royal Care for erlarging the Opportunities of Publick Worthin, by building Fifty new Churches; and for the more Regular Celebration of it, by Converting Chapels where they should be judged fir, into Parochial Churches.

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On the Death of our Late Most Gracious. Sovereign Queen ANNE.

The Muse's Memoiral of Her Late MAJESTY.

Address'd to his GRACE the Duke of Buckinghamshire.

ER felf half dead, to find her QUEEN expird,
The Loyal Muse to distant Shades retir'd;
But not as heretofore, to seek Relies,

From Solitude, but to indulge her Grief,

A Cypress-Grove around the Valley grew,

And that inviron'd with the fatal Tem;

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The Center awful with a gloomy Cave,
Delightful here, because so like the Grave:
For none but those who'd fain lay down the Load
Of wretched Life, will visit this Abode;
Where Misery may rave without Restraint,
And ne'er disturb the Happy with their Plaint;
Who with as eager Speed this Desart shun,
As hither those (oppress'd with Sorrow) run.

There stood the dismal Bow'r, where Nature pin'd,
And Grief and Night in cold Embraces join'd;
Here Sorrow's Empress, all in Sable State,
Gives Audience to the Messengers of Fate.

Hymen there languishes, sad and forlorn,
His Taper quench'd, his Nuptial Garland torn;
With broken Bows, the mourning Cupids lay
Mongst hov'ring Sighs of Lovers, snatch'd away
By greedy Fate, before the Nuptial Day.

Next Mansion, Moans of Parents, did contain; For hopeful Heirs in Field Untimely slain.

Old Time, oblig'd, by strictest Charge, to make His Reck'nings up, without the least Mistake, Observing here, his pensive Minutes pass With slow Advance, was forc'd to shake his Glass, In Mis'ry's Cell, admiring at their Stay, Who from Mirth's Mansson, wing so fast away.

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Uncouth and strange, the Scenes presented here,
But this the most surprising did appear;
The little Griefs, like froward Babes, complain'd,
The Mighty, mute as Niobe, remain'd,
A trickling, filent Show'r of Tears was all,
But oh! A Show'r that never ceas'd to fall.

Hither the Muse arrives, with frightful Air
Of Grief to Phrenzy grown, dishevel'd Hair,
'And all the Symptoms of a wild Dispair.
Yet in Distraction still her Duty knew,
And to the Goddess paid Obeysance due;
At length, as Zeal wou'd more than Nature can,
With halt-recover'd Breath, she thus began:

Empress of Shades, and sacred Solitude,
That on your close Retirement I intrude,
Forgive; for tho' I come no Stranger here,
With deep Concern and Dread, I now appear,
Upon a Visit, that will cost you dear:
Force you with stercer Fury to deplore,
And suffer Pangs you never selt before:
Thus speake the Muse, nor more had Strength to say,
But swoln with Passion, sunk and swoon'd away.

The QUEEN aside her Ebon Scepter laid,

To raise the Prostrate from the Ground; and said,

I guess the tort'ring Tidings—but proceed,

For Sorrow's us'd on dismal Tales to feed,

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Ill News is my Repast — 'Tis woeful Fare.

(The Muse replies) and I have had my Share.

As from my Cottage I withdrew, to take

My Ev'ning Walk, befide the Crystal Lake *, * The Thames.

A hasty Nymph and Shepherd cross'd my Way,

Who scarce allow'd a Moment's Stop, to say.

Ah wretched Muse! Ah, Daughter of Distress!

For why?—that why, your self too soon will guess.

Your QUEEN,—That's all,—and then their speed renew'd.

As if at Heels, by murd'ring Thieves persu'd,

Or suddain rouz'd from their Repose, and told,

The Wolf, the Wolf is leap'd into the Fold.

On Wings of Love and Fear to Court I flew,

Of my Dear QUEEN to take a distant View,

(Then silent to my Rural Cell repair,

As was my wont) But what a Change was there!

I saw Distraction through the Palace spread,

The Graces weeping round the Royal Bed,

And all the dazling Train of Beauty * fled;

Nor seem'd it strange to find those Stars retir'd,

When their Celestial Cynthia was expir'd.

At length a Sacred and Imperial Dame,
Into the dark and filent Presence came;
Eusebia and Britannia, one Renown'd
For Sanstity, the next with Grandeur crown'd:

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^{*} Ladies of the Court.

Each with Her Honour's Enfign waving high, The Signals of Her Pow'r, or Fiety.

The Venerable Matron first appears, Adorn'd with Age, and beautify'd by Years. A Privilege conterr'd by Heaven on Her, Who to crown'd Pomp, Heav'ns Service did prefer, Between Extreams She Steers Her Passage; free From Superflition, and Indecency; No Gaudy Garbs that Pagan Pomp express, Yet gives Devotion, a becoming Drefs, Preserv'd through Storms, by providential Care, Religion's woeful Ruins to repair, And still She fees Her Ark fecurely ride. Tho' dash'd with surious Waves on either side: Sublim'd by Suff'rings, under Suff'ring still, Calm, and refign'd to the Celestial Will: Ev'a now, altho' with pining Sorrow faint To Ground She falls, She falls without Complaint, Her Corones of Stars to Earth cast down, And on Her tender Front, a Thorny Crown : Yet this fair Mourner, while so much distress'd ; Of Heav'n the darling Daughter was confess'd, While on Her Person in fuch low Estate, A Guard of Seraphs not distained to waits.

August Britannia in that dismal Hour,
Walf-blushing faw Her gen rous Lion Low'r

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He now lies grov'ling, whose once aweful Roar
Struck Terror to the Worlds remotest Shore:
Forlorn on Earth, Her Empire's Emblems lay;
Her Scepter dropt, as weary of its Sway,
Her Golden Globe, roll'd caressly away;
Yet still an Air of Grandeur did consess,
Aweful in Tears, Majestick in Distress:
Both Sick with Grief, while silent both remain'd

Not Censure's self (says Sorrow's QUEEN) cou'd blame
Their Conduct, if their Grief to outrage came;
Just Reason had those Matrons to deplore,
Royal Britannia much, Divine Eusebia more.
Then thus the Muse.—————

And their big Hearts with secret Sighs restrain'd.

As Streams, whilst by surrounding Banks with-held,
Are hush'd, and in a filent Eddy swell'd,
Those Banks once broke that did their Course controul,
With more impetuous, rapid Fury rowl,
So these fair Mourners overwhelm'd with Grief,
Burst out into Complaints, poor Suff'rers last Relief.

But e're their sad Condolements I relate,
First let me draw those diff'rent Scenes of Fate,
In Britain's Court, the various Aspects seen,
When She possess, and when She lost her QUEEN:
If then your Rural Muse you will permit
Her Field and Grove and safer Shore to guit

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Unskill'd, and in a slender Skiff to make

A desp'rate Venture on the Briny-Lake,
Then gentle Goddess, this Sea-Prospect take,
You'll some Resemblance find, the faint and short,
Between Great Britain's Ocean and her Court.

As when a First-Rate in her Naval Pride, Of Flags and Pendants on a Swelling-Tide, With fuch a gentle Breeze, as Thetis craves To deck her Azure-Front with Curling-Waves. And laughs to fee her Nereids toil in vain To catch the Streamers pictur'd in the Main, Whilst twinkling Shoals aloof the Pomp pursue, And leaping Dolphins catch a distant View; The Skies Serene and Clear, the Weather warm, Not the least Symptom of a rising Storm; The Company on Board, all Blith and Gay, With Tales and Songs beguile the Watry-way; The smiling Aspect of Earth, Sea, and Air, All for a lafting Calm, and fettled Fair. Such was th' Appearance then of ANNA's Court. A Glorious Scene, but of Endurance short.

For lo! a fudden change of Weather falls,
And dismal Gloom, that for a Tempest calls;
Now, sull of Rage, for long Restraint before,
Out-rush the cavern'd Winds, with hideous Roar,
And tumble Mountain-Billows to the Shore.

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One Gust blows off, and fiercer Gusts begin, Both Elements alarm'd with dreadful Din; Thund'ring aloft of Clouds engaging Clouds, Here groaning Mafts, torn Sails and ratling Shrowds; Flashes of Lightning give, and snatch the Day, And rouz'd Sea-Monsters, in the Tempest play, With glaring Eyes, and Noffrils that respire Sulphureous Flames, and fet the Flood on Fire; All Prodigies that Terror can create, All Omens of inevitable Fate: The Vessel labours, yet the Sailors strive, To stem the Surge, while Strength and Hope Survive, 'Till spent, and forc'd to let her Hull, and drive. Then feeling She has struch, with dismal shock, Of all her stately Frame, on some blind Rock; That makes both Keel, and Ribs, and Rudder crack, Till Found'ring quite, and Bulging to a Wreck; The whole Ship's Crew, a while with dire Amaze, And speechless Horror on each other gaze, But when to Leaks below, her Loftier Brinks Submit, t' o'er-whelming Waters, and she finks, Then Shrieks, and Yells, and complicated Cries, That stun the blust'ring Storm, and scare the thundring Skies

Of ANNA's Court, fuch was th' Appearance then;

-When Goddels,—Ah! too much I've faid:

That Sigh of yours filews me, I need not tell you when.

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Ah me, I've launch'd too far, and from the Strand,

A waving Signal Summons me to Land,

And to the doleful Palace, where bereft

Of Language, we those Mournful Ladies lest,

Whose Sorrows now (impatient of Restraint)

Burst out into a Torrent of Complaint;

And sirst Eusebia, as the most distrest,

Discharg'd the Conslict of her lab'ring Breast;

In Sounds which wou'd, (by Savage Tygers selt)

Make Stubborn Oaks relent, and Marble Mountains melt.

Oh dismal Change, too sudden, and too vast, Ye Waves of Woe, you press on me too fast, Since yet my Grief is green for fuch a loss, As my whole Stock of Tears might well engross, Whilft Thunder-firuck, and grov'ling on the Ground, You give a fecond and feverer Wound! My Sphere invaded by another Night, That had so lately lost her leading Light: My Sun extinguish'd, who with Rays Divine, Blaz'd out, and taught my younger Stars to shine, My pow'rful Pan *, my ruling Pastor Dead! * Prince George. Whose pious Care my Flocks and Shepherds fed; Endu'd with Skill to work my Fold's Increase, And Charm contending Pastors into Peace; Whose Life and Aspect did just Patterns give, What Figures Angels make, and how ther Live,

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Divinely humble in Preferment's Height,
Nor then disdained on needy Worth to wait,
For Oh; his Charity no Limits knew,
But like Heav'ns Manna in the gathering grew.

His Visits like an Angels, brought Relief,
To the severest Agonies of Grief,
Th' Appearance of his Person cast an Air
Of Comfort, o'er the Confines of Despair;
Cou'd threatning Terror of his Rage beguile,
Raise fainting Hope, and make Affliction smile.
Great AN N A's Self with Storms of State oppress,
To his calm Conversation slew for Rest;
"Twas there her Dove-like Soul, Repose cou'd find,

When all without that Ark was wrangling Waves and Wind.

Where's now this Comforter? No longer seen?

On Earth no longer. — No? Then where's my QUEEN?

To native Skies return'd.—Too large a Share

Those Skies exact.—'Tis more than Earth can spare:

Thus when encroaching Seas new Conquests make,

So much of Land, as they transform to Lake,

So much they loose on Shore, that they forsake.

Both Mortals and Immortals, Earth and Skies, Are Suff'rers all, when Sov'reign Virtue dies: Who to my Temple now shall lead the Way, And there instruct Devotion how to pray? Y

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Well have our Gen'rals led, and Souldiers fought,

But ANNA's Orifons the Conquest brought;

Her servent Vows our Troops with Courage steel'd,

She pray'd, and in her Closet, won the Field;

From thence the waiting Seraphs wing'd away,

To fix the way'ring Fight and gain the Day.

Where now shall Meekness for Protection sty?

To whom shall shiv'ring Charity apply?

To whom shall now her Intant-Orphans cry?

See where around her Tomb, they take their Stands,

'And wail, and sob, and wring their little Hands.

O Heav'n-born Piety, what tender Breaft,
Like Hers, shall make Thee now its early Guest?
Religion, that Her Life did so adorn,
Of Her took special Charge, as soon as born:
The Virtues then a Royal Vigil kept,
And Graces rock'd the Cradle where she slept,
With Her to Court they came, with Her retir'd,
With Her were crown'd, with Her almost expir'd.

Expir'd!—Not so, nor shall whilst here remain
Of her sair Favourites so Bright a Train,
Whom ANNA worthy of her Friendship deem'd,
As they the Saint, as much as QUEEN esteem'd;
The strongest Springs that can Affection move,
Resembling Virtues drew their mutual Love:

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This baffled Death in what his Spite defign'd,
Who, tho he feiz'd her Person, lest behind, I
Such Gopies of her most Angelick Mind:
Which makes my Loss (tho' vast) this Comfort give,
While They survive, my Royal Saint shall live.

Thus urg'd the facred Matron her Complaint,
With temper'd Passion, as became a Saint:
Britannia Hers, with more rempessuous Flame,
And such as best, her Sov'reign self became,
That (with the Mourner) shou'd th' Imperial Dame,

What! I, that once did Foreign Nations awe,
Gave both encroaching States, and Tyrants Law,
Reduc'd to fee so vast a Gulph between
My present Self and what I once have been!
Have been! Why that's th' Extremity of Woe,
To have been happy if no longer so.

Ev'n Eve, in Eden, I did represent,

When Earth and Skies contriv'd for her Content;

Her Bow'r besprinkled with Celestial Dew,

No scorching Blight, nor ruff'ling Tempest knew,

Only Etesian Gales and balmy Zephyrs blew:

Her savage Subjects, then a harmlass Throng,

Kneel'd to salute Her, as the past along,

And seather'd Choirs cares'd Her with a Song.

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The Vine, the Pine, Pomgranate, and the Peach, With burden'd Branches bending to her Reach. Before her Steps, a Show'r of Jaff mine thed, And Souls of Roses hov'ring o'er her Head. She cropt her Garden, elle the fertile Soil, With crowding Flow'rs had crush'd the fragrant Spoil, She labour'd, but delightful was the Toil. Serenely then return'd to her Repose, She flept ferenely, and ferenely rofe; No Dreams, or Dreams that did her Bhis improve, And wrapt her to the Paradife above, Which far those Aromaticks Bow'rs excell'd; But now, like Eve, from Paradife expell'd, My Eden find into a barren Soil Transform'd; a fad return for all my Toil While Storms of Strife, my waking Hours moleft, And discontended Dreams, my Midnight Rest: For a brave Race of Britisms, once renowaid For Arms Abroad, at Home with Plenty crown'd, A meager Crowd of British Ghosts I fee; A pillag'd Realm, and pawn'd Pofterity: The filver Current, that fhou'd freely flow, Bankt up, and flarv'd the Channel all bellow. Answer me, conscious Stars! and let me know To what, and whom, my Grievances I owe?

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Yes, I do know-and shall, what next she faid, Of dire Corruptions thro' the Nation foread. Strange Frauds fprung up, and Publick Spirit fled Of purchas'd Senates, and a People fold. Self-fold, Law, Freedom, barter'd all for Gold: How two grand Vices, tho' of diff'rent Kind, And Opposites to Ruin her, combinid, Sic labour'd, b While those wide Wastes, lewd Luxury had made, Were by rapacious Avarice repaid; (Not fo, my Gen'rous QUEEN,-Who like the Pelican, in Times of Need, For craving Broods, made her own Bosom bleed.) How jangling Parties made her Realm fustain All Plagues, that Rage where Strife and Discord reign: And then prodigious Secrets did impart. Yes, Prodigies, that made the Sun to fart; But ill beseems a Muse of Rural Cell, Intrigues of State to know, and worse to tell; And therefore from the Palace I withdrew, Here (grieving Goddels) to condole with you. But Sorrow's Empress, with Resentement fir'd, Cry'd out-my Province 'ris to mourn,-retir'd, More publick Tribute's trom a Muse requir'd. The Mourning Muse, her dewy Aspect rears, Like Sun-shine glitt'ring through a Show'r of Tears,

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And thus, with modelt Grace-too well I know What to my Royal Patroness I owe, And gloriously I should the Charge fulfill, Vere but my Strength, proportion'd to my Will: But whilft I gaze on Excellence fo bright, My Sense is dazled, and I'm lost in Light; Yet still my Weakness can for Succour fly, and to th' APOLLO * of our Age apply. Oh for the noble Muse that sweetly mourn'd, nd Death's dark Temple to Fame's Palace turn'd; Sorrow's Vale, a Cyprefs-Grove cou'd raife, hat triumph'd o'er the Myrtle and the Bays; wondrous Scene of Dolor and of Dread, eart-piercing Story, yet with Pleasure read, Pity to the fuffering Lover's Pain, Vith Sighs we read, and Sighing read-again: ut Grief can Charm, and Terror give Delight, then Britan's POLLIO condescends to write :: those God-like Genius, from their ruin'd State,

hen to secure their Empire did impart he persect Precepts of the Sacred Art ¶:

escu'd the Muses, and revers'd their Fate:

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His Grace the Duke of Buckinghamshiret A Poem of his Lordship's call'd, The Temple of Death, His Lordship's Estay on Poetry.

16. POEMS on the Death of

That Poets, who to just Applause aspire,
May Rage by Rule, and Blaze with govern'd Fire.

Nor only did confult for Poet's Praife,

But Trophies for expir'd Defert to raife;

The Charm that from Oblivion's Gulf can fave,

Tomb worth, and make Reprizals on the Grave;
Make Virtue, Truth, and Honour, from their Hearle
Spring up and Flourish in Immortal Verse.

If such a Muje the Glorious Toil embrac'd,

And with Her Images, the Subject grac'd,

Our Ayal Saint wou'd look with Pleasure down,

And with a Smile, the beauteous Labour crown;

While I, to solemn Shades, deprive of Day,

Retire, and Moura the short Remains of Life away.

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Pity to the fullering Love As

On the DEATH of our Late most Gracious Sovereign Queen ANNE.

By Bishop SMALRIDGE.

And mourn'd with equal Tears MARIA'S Tomb

As each deserv'd, each equal Muses drew,

Nor to their Heaven without a Poet flew;

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But now, what bolder Wing her Fame shall try?

Who follow A N N A thro' the boundless Sky?

Who shall describe in an exalted Strain,

The Wars and Triumphs of a Female Reign?

Who Nations in eternal Leagues rehearse,

And P E A C E well worthy an eternal Verse?

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Thou, * Sacred Dome, whom Royal Founders claim, Wonted of old to grace the Royal Name, And with a † hundred tuneful Tongues return. Thy grateful Sorrow to each PRINCE's Urn, Do thou, with proper Notes, the Youth inspire; Breath VIRGIL's Frampet, touch th' HORATIAN Lyre. So may thy Walls to ancient Splendor rife, And thy Athenian Turrets mate the Skies!

And Thou, whole Lib ral Hand my Fortunes rais'd,

O QUEEN! for ever Lov d, for ever Prais'd;

Receive the Tribute which my Numbers bring,

While the Muse strikes the Elegiac String:

While Life was Thine, how much to Thee I owe,

How plenteous did thy Stream of Blessings flow?

O! how Vgrieve, for all Thy Bounty gave,

To bring this Mournful Off ring to Thy Graves.

No Time shall ever from my Mind delace.

Thy Looks, Thy Glories, and Diviner Grace.

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But most Thy Ancient Truth, The Pion. Soul,

With constant Glowings in my Bost in roll,

The dear Remembrance ever is imprest,

What Love of True Religion warm'd Thy Breast!

Pleas'd I revolve, as often as I brought.

The Suppliant's Prayer, and for the Wretched sought,

How kind you heard, how plenteous pour'd your store,

And the I ask'd for much, you granted more.

Thus at your sight Affliction grew more mild,

And Fortune less her Anger as You smil'd.

O had but envious Death made some Delay;

And not so hasty snatch'd the Royal Prey:

Then, (may Her Promises † to me be snown!).

Thy Muses, Oxford, had Her Blessings known.

What Domes, O sacred Mother, hadst thou seen,

The pious Gift of a Religious QUEEN!

How had another Area raised its Head,

And scornful o'er its ancient Ruins spread!

What Walls had rose! what losty Turrets crown'd,

Themes for thy Sons in suture Days to sound.

But now, when here the Trav'ler turns his Eyes,

And ah! the great unfinished Labour spices;

A double Pity rises from his View,

He mourns the Public Loss, and Oxford's too.

^{*} Being Lord Almoner to Her Majesty.
† Her Majesty tromis'd a large Contribution towards Rebuilding ON

Late QUEEN's Death.

By EDWARD YOUNG, L.L.B. and Fellow of All-Souls Colledge, Oxon.

Sing—but ah! my Theme I need not tell!

See every Eye with conscious Sorrow swell.

Who now to Verse would raise his humble Voice:

Can only shew his Duty, not his Choice.

How great the weight of Grief our Hearts sustain!

We languish, and to speak is to complain.

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Let us look back, (for who too oft can view That most Illustrious Scene, for ever New?)

See all the Seasons shine on ANNA's Throne,
And pay a constant Tribute, not their own.

Her Summers Heats not Fruits alone bestow,
They reap the Harvest, and subdue the Foe;
And when black Storms confess the distant Sun,
Her Winters wear the Wreaths, her Summers won.

Revolving Pleasures in their Turns appear,
And Triumphs are the Product of the Year.

To crown the Whole, great Joys in greater cease,
And glorious Victory is lost in Peace.

Whence this Profusion on our favour'd-Isle?

Did partial Fortune on our Virtue smile,

Or did the Scepter, in Great ANN A's Hand,

Stretch forth this rich Indulgence o'er our Land?

Ungtateful Britain! Quit thy groundless Claim,

Thy QUEEN and thy Good-Fortune are the same.

Hear, with Alarms our Trumpets fill the Sky;
Tis ANNA reigns! The Gallic Squadrons fly.
We spread our Canvass to the Southern Shore;
Tis ANNA reigns! The South resigns her Store.
Her Virtue smooths the Tumult of the Main,
And swells the Field with Mountains of the Slain.

Argyle and Church but the Glory share;
While Millions lye subdu'd by ANN A's Pray'r.

How did her Sout in holy Warmth expire!

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Gonftant Devotion did her Time divide,

Not fet Returns of Pleafure or of Pride.

Not want of Reff; or the Sun's parting Ray,

But finish'd Duty, limited the Diy.

How sweet succeeding Sleep! what lovely Themes

Smil'd in her Thoughts, and soften'd all her Dreams!

Her Royal oucif descending Angels spread,

And join'd their Wings, a shelter over her Head.

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Tho' Europe's Wealth and Glory claim'd a Part, Religion's Cause reign'd Mistress of her Heart: She saw, and griev'd to see the mean Estate Of those who round the hollow'd Altar wait; She shed her Bounty, piously profuse, And thought it more her own in Sacred Vie.

Thus on his Furrow, See! the Tiller fland, And fill with genial Seed his lavish Hand; He trufts the Kindness of the fruitful Plain, And providently featters all his Grain. floorer : 500 20012

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What strikes my Sight ? does proud Augusta rife New to behold, and awfully furprize? The suit is soul A Her lofty Brow more numerous Turrets crown, And facred Domes, on Palaces look down : A noble Pride of Piery is shown, And Temples cast a Lustre on the Throne. How would this Work another's Glory raise! But ANNA's Greatness robs her of the Praise. Drown'd in a brighter Blaze it disappears. Who dry'd the Widows, and the Orphans Tears? Who stoop'd from high to succour the Distrest, And reconcile the wounded Heart to Reft? Great in her Goodness, well could we perceive, Whoever fought, it was a QUEEN that gave. I do and Misfortune loft her Name, her guildels Frown But made another Debtor to the Crown;

And each unfriendly Stroke, from Fare we hore,

Became our Title to the Regal Store.

Thus injur'd Trees adopt a foreign Shoot,
And their Wounds bloffom with a fairer Fruit.

Ye Numbers, who on your Missortunes thriv'd,
When first the dreadful Blast of Fame arriv'd,
Say what a Shock, what Agonies you selt,
How did your Souls with tender Anguish melt!
That Grief, which Living ANNA's Love suppress;
Shook like a Tempest every greateful Breast.
A second Fate our finking Fortunes try'd!
A second Time our tender Parents dy'd!

Heroes returning from the Field we crown,
And Deify the haughty Victor's Frown:
His splendid Wealth too rashly we admire,
Catch the Disease, and burn with equal Fire:
Wisely to spend is the great Art of Gain;
And One reliev'd, transcends a Million stain.
When Time shall ask, where once Ramillia lay;
Or Danube slow'd that swept whole Proops away;
One Drop of Water, that refresh'd the Dry,
Shall rise a Fountain of Eternal Joy.

But ah! to that unknown and diffant Dute, signed revealed.

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August in native Worth, and regal State,

ANN A sate Arbitress of Europe's Fate;

To distant Realms did every Accent fly,

And Nations watch'd each Motion of her Eye.

Silent, nor longer awful to be seen,

How small a Spot contains the mighty QUEEN?

No Throng of suppliant Princes mark the Place;

Where Britain's Greatness is compos'd in Peace:

The broken Earth is scarce discern'd to rise,

And a Stone tells us where the Monarch lies.

Thus end maturest Honours of a Crown!

This is the last Conclusion of Renown!

So when with idle skill the wanton Boy

Breaths through his Tube; he sees, with eager Joy;

The trembling Bubble, in its rising small;

And by degrees expands the glitt'ring Ball:

But when, to full Persection blown, it slies

High in the Air, and shines in various Dies,

The little Monarch, with a falling Tear,

Sees his World burst at once, and disappear.

Virtue and Merit bust H.T. O Toured

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Of Her Sacred Majesty

Queen ANNE.

And genial Warmth reforms the rigid Year,

WENUS descends in soft and wholesome Show'rs,

To deck the wanton Meads, and paint the Flow'rs,

The Virgin Lily, and the modest Rose,

Their fragrant Breasts with harmless Pride disclose,

Whilst the gay Spring with innocent Delight

Admires, Adores, and lives upon the sight.

If Boreas then should draw his Armies forth,

Or loose the Tempests of the stormy North.

Then sure Destruction all the Spring invades;

The Rose is blighted, and the Lily sades,

Th' untimely Fruit lies smother'd in the Words,

And Nature sickens in its brightest Bloom.

Thus Britain flourish'd blest with great Increase,
Her Happiness continual, as her Peace,
Commerce reviv'd, and Faction was restrain'd,
And ANNE the Good, the Great, th' Indulgent, reign'd.

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Diftinguish'd with Majority of Cares. She over-rul'd th' obedient World's Affairs. Of Fortune's Throne possest sublime the stood. The Awe of lawless Pow'rs, the Joy of Good. Tho envious Nature did its Flight oppose, Thro Lybia's fiery Heats, and Scythian Snows, Her Fame untainted with a Blemish mov'd Remotest Regions Heard, Ador'd, and Lov'd. Secur'd from Spanish Mines, and French Dragoons, Rome's fearful Bulls, and Italy's Buffoons. Secur'd in Peace, in Peace again restor'd, By ANNA's Piety, and ANNA's Sword, We dwelt upon the happy, happy Name Whence the whole Fountain of our Comforts came. When Heaven with mighty Pow'r recall'd its own. Recall'd great ANNA, to an Heav'nly Throne : Then all our Joys and pleafing Views were croft. Our Hopes were blafted, and our Profpetts loft. In vain the great Misfortune we deplore, The hoist'rous Tempest drives us from the Shore, And all our pleafing Comforts are no more.

Now Rebel-Sons of Belial, you that dare, You that delight in Blood, and court the War, Now rack your Spight, and in vile Colours paint The pious Labours of the Bleffed Saint:

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For know, Ungrateful, know she's gone to prove Th' immortal Sweets of Beatifick Love; Where purest Bliss, and e'en Excess of Joys, An whole Eternity of Life employs: Where Streams of Pleasure, ever, ever flow, Such Pleasures as the Saint but there can know.

An Epistle to Mr. POPE,

Death of Her late MAJESTY, Queen ANNE.

Of BLESSED and IMMORTAL Memory.

Or, footh our Griess, or flying Joys prolong;
Or in soft Strains of Elegy wou'd move,
In late Posterity, the Tears of Love:
Nought do they merit but th' Egyptian Rod,
Unhallow'd Incense but prophanes a God.

'Tis not in Verse t'embalm Great ANNA's Name;
'Tis not in Verse to swell the Cheeks of Fame,

If we attempt to Praise, what do we but Blaspheme?

Say, what bold Genius ever could define Th' immortal Graces of the Mind Divine? Alas! this Genius would Persection want, Tho' Heav'n inspire, or tho' an Angel paint. Sure

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Yet, would our HOMER dare to merit praise, Sure 'twere Religion to reward his Lays.

Would He, advent'rous fing the best of QUEENS;

Each British Heart should praise th' immortal Lines.

Who, without Spleen can hear a fing-fong Knave, In senseless Jingles thro' the Gamut rave;
Turn Persian, and adore each rising Sun,
Yet blast those Laurels which Great ANNA won,

The brightest Monarch which e're fill'd our Throne.

Be bold then, SIR, exert a Briton's Flame,

Extend her Glories, and exalt her Name;

Oh! first and last affert Great injur'd ANNA's Fame.

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Thine, like Amphion's Hand, can raile the Stone,

And from Destruction call our Factious Town;

Make Statues weep, and ev'ry Eye to flow;

Such Tears to Vertue and our QUEEN we owe !

Tis for a Goddess we your Song command;

A Goddess may reward APELLES's Hand.

On the DEATH of

Queen ANNE.

Mors, utinam pavidos vità subducere nolles, Sed virtus te fola daret. Lucret.

Wake! my Muse, awake! 'tis time to rise,
When thus the Moon eclipis'd in Darkness lies,

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And all the Stars, which so refulgent shine,
Now disappear, and all their Heads decline:
Besides, the Azure Clouds do seem to weep,
As the some Mighty God was fall n asseep.
An Omen 'tis, I fear, of some sad Fate,
Which does portend some Evil to our State;
For as I walk along, methinks I hear
The Sybil, silent with a Panick Fear.

- True! for the last Words that the Sybil spoke
- Was ANNA's dead, no longer me invoke;
- VVhen Pain and Anguish seiz'd her Royal Breast,
- And almost had depriv'd her of her Reft,
- Shenow, and then, a Sigh, or Tear would fled;
- But oh ! like Frankincense, how did it spread !
 - " But having made her Peace, the clos'd her Eyes,
 - And made her Exit with-Great ANNA dies.

VVhy then, with others of the Sacred Lyre,
Do thou, my Muse, to sing her Praise, aspire.
Is ANNA dead, ANNA! the VVise, the Great;
Immortal ANNA! the Fanaticks Hate;

A QUEEN! the Glory of her Sex and Age,

Whose Death to us does future Ills presage.

Oh! Heavens, hadft thou but ANNA's Life preserv'd,

A Lite by all but Schismaticks rever'd,

VVho tho' to them She did some Favour show,

Yet still did they the more obedient grow.? .

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Dr rather did they not, such as they were,
Contrive to fill her Breast with anxious Care?

Vivich did the Anger of the Gods provoke,
Dpprest with Grief, at last her Heart they broke.

Then might the Clergy freely speak their Mind,
Nor with such Treasment meet, as since they find,
When they might in the Churches pray and preach,
What Holy Scriptures of themselves do teach.

But oh! on that, my Satyrizing Muse, Forbear to fpeak, and nobler Thoughts infuse; As pious Christians, we must all submit, To what kind Heaven it felf for us thinks fit; And tho' triumphant ANNA now is gone, Yet fill God's Anger will not alwas burn; And tho' Republicans against her write, As Fiends! in Mischef always take Delight; Yet still the Muses will her Fame Defend, Till Time shall be no more, and have an End. Tho' this is all that can by them be faid, Now She within the Sacred Urn is laid, Death took her Mortal Part, but God her Spirit, That the above might endless Blis inherit, and fing th' Almighty's Praise amongst the rest, Where lives the Souls of Saints-completely bleffe; For as the liwd, to living did retire, to join in Conform with the Heavenly Quire.

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On the DEATH of

Queen ANNE.

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How short-liv'd is our Glory!

Misfortunes soon reduce us low,

And Death concludes our Story.

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Stern Age seems distant from us;
E'en then we haunted are with Fears
Of suture Woes upon us.

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Amidst our Raptures of Delight,

When Mirth and Joys surround us,

Mistups present themselves to sight;

Our very Thoughts consound us.

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In vain we Wealth and Honour prize,
In vain we long for Pow'r;
For still as we the higher rise,
We only fink the lower.

VI.

Restless we always Something crave,

There's Something still behind;

That Something's only in the Grave,

'Tis there we Ease shall find:

VII.

From thence the Pious, Good, and Just,

To endless Pleasures rise;

Attended by the Heav'nly Host,

See ANNA mount the Skies!

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She's now with Seraphs seen;
The Joy She sought, She now receives,
Who was both Saint and Queen.

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Of Her Majesty,

Queen ANNE.

Ould mourntul Verse in every Mortal raise, Or tender Pity, or immortal Praise, Britannia then would melt in Tears away, And to eternal Night transform Her Day. Than would Her Virgins in fad Cypress clad, Bemoan the Fate of Princely ANNA dead. The Church, as She has cause in Robes of Tears, (Such now the very hardeft Marble wears) Shall weep a Flood, her Eyes find no Relief; Uncommon as her Loss, so is her Grief. Indulgent Mothers thus their Children moans Thus did Great ANNA, thus did She alone; Her People's Good She made Her only Care, In Peace most Sweet, most Fortunate in War. Ah, Death, thou Tyrant, thus to take the Goods And leave even Vertue's Self in Widow-hood. In Piery Her chiefeft Glory lay,

They're truly Great that dare not Vice obey.

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Those who to golden Crowns and Scepters give More real Luftre than they do receive, labored as H as mind Bid fair in Time's Eternal Book to be, and military amod But they come short, by far, Great QUEEN of Thee, Ah! Glorious Prince, born for the Nation's Good, Too late thy Worth, alas, we understood. As Love in Absence burns with greater Heat, It is Enjoyment only Palls the Sweet. He that would make thy Character compleat, May call Thee Good, Just, Wife, Sincere, and Great, Friend to the Church, and Patron to the Brave, When happy You did injured Except fave, And to three Kingdoms, Peace and Plenty gave, Yet they'll fucceed as common Painters do, It is at best but an imperfect View Of those more noble Virtues known in You.

Kings may from Her a Princely Pattern take,
And Mercy love for its own gentle fake:
Mercy the greatest Blessing Heaven e'er gave,
Tis next to giving Life it self to save.
No base inglorious Act e'er stain'd Her Throne,
No Law more Sacred than Her Word was known.
Thrice Happy we, if for a kind Return,
Our Love did with an equal Ardor burn.
If so much Goodness does not raise our Flame,
Ingratitude her self will Blush with shame.

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When ANNA fell, no Thunder-Storms were heard, Calm as Her peaceful Mind . As if Death fear'd. Some Guardian Angel with officious hafte, Had born Her hence e'er he his Rights had paft, Time, that in all things else forgetful is, Will glory more in Nothing than in this, That ANNA's Fame stall last as long as Hu.

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Queen ANNE.

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By Mr. R. C.

THilft Britain's Sons afresh their Loss proclaim, Emulous to celebrate Great ANNA's Name.

Upbraid base Faction with the horrid Sing Of imp'oufly prophaning fuch a QUEEN.

Do thou, my Mule, affilt the mournful Quire;

Let the fad Theme, thy tender Soul inspire.

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Thy lowly Lays in ANNA's Praises try,

Thy Zeal, thy want of Skill shall well supply.

But where wilt thou the mighty Task begin;

Or, how unfold the great, the wond'rous Scene?

Each Scene of Life does so amaze the Eye?

'Tis dazel d at the vast Variety;

Nor can we tell what Action most to praise,

Where ev'ry Act does equal wonder raise.

So when some Draught of Raphael's Hand we view,
With curious Eyes each Beauty we pursue.

Mixt with such Skill the blended Colours shine,
Such Nature, so much Strength, in every Line,
With Wonder we pronounce the Piece Divine.
But where to fix, which Part to praise the most,
We know not, in the pleasing Transport lost.

Heav'ns glorious Master-piece in ANNA's Mind,
The Great, the Good, the Merciful, was join'd.
Her Soul, of every Virtue was possest,
And every Grace, resided in Her Breast.
So just did She each Stage of Life adorn,
As tho' a Pattern to the World were born.
Ne'er sure were Royal Virtues more disfus'd,
Nor e'er were Royal Virtues better us'd;
Justice and Mercy both did here unite,
But God-like Mercy was Her chief Delight.

When e'er our Crimes the Sword of Justice drew, Her Nature wept ev'n Justice to persue, Like gracious Heav'n still ready to relent, More pleas'd with Mercy, than with Punishment.

Let Envy fay, Did Cruelty e'er Stain

Her Mild, Her Gentle, and Her Easy Reign?

Did e'er our QUEEN delight in Subjects Blood?

In whose were e'er Her Royal Hands imbru'd?

No, She was ever Gracious, ever Mild,

Like a fond Mother to Her tender Child.

With kind Compassion from Her gracious Throne,
On suff'ring Virtue still did She look down.
The poor She always had in great Regard;
None told their Wants and went without Reward.
Her pious Hands were ever doing Good.
And constant Favours on all Ranks bestow'd:
All Ranks Her Loss with equal Justice mourn,
And fill with grateful Tears Her Sacred Urn.

Oh! could my Muse describe the glorious Saint!

Her pure Devotion in the Temple Paint!

Tell me, ye holy Men that waited there,

Was it not Heav'n to see Your QUEEN in Pray'r?

Did not officious Angels from on high,

Descend, and wast each Accent to the Sky?

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And when She took the Eucharistick Feast, Did not Seraphick Beams Her radiant Head invest?

Oh! Royal A N.N E, could not these Virtues fave From cruel Death and the destructive Grave? Could not our Pray'ers the fatal Stroke Prevent, And force the barb'rous Tyrant to relent; In vain were Pray rs, in vain all humane Aid, In vain was Virtue, Virtue's Self fell dead, And in our Glorious QUEEN the bright Affrea fled.

Was it for this, thou gav'll Britannia Peace, And mad'ft the horrid Din of Discord cease; For this, did'ft thou affwage War's bloody Strife? To dedicate to Heav'n thy future Life? But thou, nor Peace, nor Life on Earth must fee Launcht out into the Ocean of Eternity. Thy Noble Soul disdaining humane Blifs, Capacious of Eternal Happiness; Broke from its Prison here, and took its Flight To the calm Regions of Meridian Light. There, there, thou fit'st upon a glorious Throne, Changing an Earthly for an Heav'nly Crown.

Look down from thence, O Saint, ferenely bright! Still be thy Mem'ry precious in our fight, Still may Britannia reverence thy Name, And all thy Great, thy God-like Acts proclaim.

May the vile Malice of no fland'ring Tongue
Dare offer to thy facred Alhes Wrong!
So may'ft thou to our Pray'rs propitious prove,
Accept this Off'ring of our zealous Love,
And of our Queen on Earth, become our Saint above!

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Her Late most excellent Majesty,

Queen ANNE.

Writ soon after her Death.

By W. PAUL, A. B. of Wadham-College, Oxon.

Dieu, eternally adieu, thrice happy Train
Of Graces, Smiles, and young Defire,
Of fost Content, and am'rous Fire;
The Glories of your peaceful Reign

Must bless no more, so Fate decrees! your mournful Swain.

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Break, break my Muse, thy Lyre; the dancing Strings,
That sung in losty Numbers, losty Things,
Now mute, now unharmonious lye,
The soft Embraces of the Fingers fly,
And never more will sound of Harmony or Joy.
For great Eliza, that inspir'd thy Songs,
Whose mighty Virtues, mighty Wrongs,
Were thy eternal Theme,
Like Casar now, or greater Charles, is nothing but a Nume.
Come all Britannia's Sons, your Loss deplos,
For your belov'd Eliza is no more!
Weep, for ever Weep, and Moan,
For ever Sigh, and Groan,
Till Tears no more can flow,
Petrified, like Niobe, with Woe.

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Weep, Helicon, thy Fountain dry;
Thy Streams no more inspire,
Nor swell the Poet's Breast with God-like Fire:
The Virtues, which they proudly boast,
I'th' gloomy Horrors of her Grave eternally are lost.

Laurels, Smiles, and pompous Praise,
The richest Tribute, which th' ungrateful Vulgar pays,
Were but the Embryo-Birth
She gave to learned Worth:

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Each Candidate of Art, in Time, was bleft

With Title, Wealth, or honourable Truft.

None, tho' the meaneft Son of Earth, It Merit glitter'd thro' this humble Clay,

But by her Favours the would dignify his Birth.

File his Native Ruft away.

Call from a Cott, and fix him near her Throne.

Thus oft great fove on Earth has turn'd his Eyes,

And found fome Virtue tatter'd, and forlorn, LINE CALA DOWN OF EL

To Hatred damn'd, and Scorn,

But hot with Indignation grown

(Mankind's Injustice seen)

Swifter than Thought he thifts the Scene,

Snatches him thence, and feats him in the Skies.

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errified. Lite Wolfe, w But most, ye Sons of Levi, mourn, Ope' all the Sluices of your Byes,

And write Life off in Elegies ; while the state of the st

For your bles'd Patroness is now no more:

Who of all the facred Train, a fleral and and an list and

That at the Altar fervid, eer fervid in vain?

How did the grieve the hapless Stare 10114 10000 3

Of those, whom niggard Fate. has a stand along

Had funk to meagre Poverty, and Want !

Say, Muse, did She not more than Grieve? Her Royal Grant

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Lightned their Load of Care,

And bid 'em offer, like the Sons of Heav'n, the Sacrifice of. Pray'r.

Nor was her Bounty stinted here, To th' Orphan, Widow, and the Slave, With lavish Hand She gave.

And upon ev'ry Child of Woe her Bleffings showed.

Not more diffusive Goodness boasts the San, ..

Whose golden Beams eternally are thrown.

Around the World, in beautiful Array.

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To bless Mankind with genial Heat, and the bright Glories, of the Days

Vespasian, whose Imperial Name

Triumphant rides upon the Wings of Pame,

That measur'd Time's swife Hand,

Not by the Ebb and Flow of Sand,

But the more regular Motions of his Mind,

Which ev'ry Beat, ftruck Bleffings to Mankind, ...
No more Illustrious Shade shall mention'd beat

But as the Type of Thee ...

IV.

What Flames of Zeal, what Pangs of facred Love

Her Actions influenc'd, and her Paffions Iway'd !

Scarce the bright Choir above,

That champeter al Lays, ...

Bernal Hove to their great Maker's Praile;

Shoh Heights of Daty reach, as good Elizar paid?

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Foul Sin, for ever haunted with a num'rous Train Of ghaffly Fiends, that with Remorfe, and Pain, Lash the black Soul, were banish'd from her Reign : Which ran out gently on the Poles of Time, Free from the least Suspicion of a Crime; Each Scene unchequer'd, with the motly Brood Of Luft, Ambition, Tyranny, or Blood, and the house

Great without Pride was drawn, and, without Superstition, good. Whole golden Berms erernally are thrown

Velyafian, whose In

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What unexhausted Springs of Mercy flow'd From Her right Hand, of the Day.

And water'd all the Land!

Even on Her ungrateful Foes;

For Some, repining at the facred Flame.

Her Virtues shor, full infamously wore that Name, Like the poor Dastard Birds of Night,

That bask in Gloom, and shudder in the Light.

The pious Soul a Waste of Blessings throws!

A Waste the Muse may sure with Justice call,

The Liberality bestow'd

On the Re-publick, fnarling Crowd, 10 and 17 and

That durst prophane their Prince, and God.

Scarce the bright Chair-IN are,

Apollo's Temple, was her lovely Breaft, There the whole God was proud to reft,

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He left, with Joy, his Heav'n to be Eliza's Gueft !

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Wisdom wrapt in Lambent Flame,

He shot thro' all her Frame, dody and should

Gave her to know the Mysteries of State,

And to unravel the most dark Decrees of Fate.

Lycurgus, Numa, ev'ry Laurel'd Name bes con singo word

Of Greece, or Rome, that Iwells the Mouth of Fame, and W.

Into Her Cabinet She took, wint out baid or gast bal

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Remark'd on what they wrote, and what they spokes

Their finest Sentiments transplanted here, and a b'308

Which cultivated by her Care winder at W. W. h.

Sprung to a greater Height, and and awoll

And flood more firm, and look'd more bright and fair.

By Nature thus enrich'd, and Art, has a would

The Wheels of Government She movid around him?

Trick Cab Manning Chill

And freed from Panick Fear dellish gaingsment foul his

With fuch united Force of Realon, and of Will, and ned?

That en'ry curious Spring and lewisy Past, on only awoll

With Order, Peace, and Happiness, was crown and blidw

Just so th' Almighty does whole. Nature move

In Peace, and Order, Harmony, and Love.

No Rebel-Arom durft prepare

For ruinous Fight, and justle into War; adalla a M

But all the Elements their native Enmity refign,

His Providence chalks out the Barrier-Line

Which bounds their Pow'r, and bids 'em in firid Friend-

ship join.

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VII:

Ecwie the Great, whose daring Mind
Swells, as the Sea, and blusters, as the Wind,
Whose morly Frame, like Asna, does expire,
Snow on the Top, and from the Bottom Fire,
Who the vast Limits of his France Disdains,
And tugs to bind the Universe in Chains,
From the big Din of War, and dread Alarms,
Beg'd a Cessation, and resign'd his Arms:

ANN A's Superior Genius hurl'd

Down from his Head; Harman Harland

Of Pow'r, and dash'd em in the Dust;
Swift as the Wings of Light they sted,
And freed from Panick Fear the trembling World.
Then smiling Peace shone out in bright Array,
Down thro' the Etherial Plain she wing'd her Way,
Whirl d back the Clouds, and sprung upon the Day.

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But field, ambitious Muse, to what a tow ring Height.

Would'st thou advance thy dating Flight?

Not all the tuneful Nine,

With all the Empreul Fire they boall, can raise

Juff Monuments of Praife:

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Which more than Fame can give, tho' all Divine
She be, with Modesty may ask from Fame.

To say the Goddess of the Cyprian Grove,
With all her killing Charms of Love,

To say Lucretia, Pride of ancient Rome,

(Less famous for it's Conquest than her Doom)

Must drop the Chast, the beauteous Prize,

Eclips'd by Her more spotless Thoughts, and Her more pow'rful Eyes;

To fay the Charms of Her whole Sex combined,

To grace Her Form, and beautify Her Mind,

Speak not Her Merits, but the Muses Phlegm,

Too weak to reach the Height of such a losty Theme.

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But fee the fuddain Turn of Fate 1.

This Tyde of Glory, and this Shine of State,

By our Eliza won with Sweat and Pain,

Like Sifyphus his Stone,

No fooner to the Top were grown,

But down the flipp'ry Precipice they roll'd again.

Death, with meagre Face, step'd in,

And, with his fatal Knife,

Struck off the Thread of Life,

And clos'd the pompous Scene.

But Heav'ns! how patiently She bore

The Tyrant's Grasp, and baffled all his Pow'r!

No lab'ring Groan, no thick'd-breath'd sigh was heard,

No brinish Rain spouting from Eyes appear'd.

But Joy, with downy Wings, and comely Grace,

And sacred Love, sat smiling in her Face;

The Soul sprung thro' Her Tenement of Clay,

Exulting loud at Nature's prosprous Fight,

And, thro' the milky Way,

Swift, as a Flash of Light,

Shot to the glorious Regions of eternal Day.

Thus the gay Sun, that with brisk March, does move Around the Crystal Plains above, First mounting from his wavy Bed, Does o'er the Heav'ns a shining Glory spread, But, at his Set, a bigger Blaze of Rays adorns his Head.

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Pious MEMORY,

Of Our Late Most Excellent

Queen ANNE, &c.

By JOHN ROGERSON, M. A. Mester of St. Olave's Free-School, Southwark.

Too good for Earth, too good for British Ground;
Oh! cou'd I rate thy Worth, I wou'd in Verse
Proclaim Thy Fame, Thy mighty Deeds rehearse;
But I must own, it is above my skill,
And my weak Hand prevents my willing Quill.
Yet blessed Saint! permit me to bestow,
Some Tears unseign'd upon thy Shrine below,
Tears, the just Tribute, we Good PRINCES owe,
Let none Thy sacred Ashes trample on
Unpunish'd, now Thou'st less thy Earthly Throne;
They who rejoice, that Israel's Beauty's dead,
Ungrazeful Wretches are to crowned Head;

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ANNE was the Church's Glory and Renown,
Once Joy, now Grief, of True Sons of the Gown.
They furely then, God's Judgments never dread,
Who now can fing, and triumph, that She's dead;
Dead did I fay, forbid it Heav'n that She
Shou'd ever die, but be alive to me.

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Her MAJESTY's

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By Mr. GANDY

If Sacred ANNA thus must slide away?

No Bays, no Laurels, to adorn Her Herse,

Who was the Goddess of our Arms and Verse!

The Guardian Angel of our sacred Dome,

Who kept Geneva off, as far as Rome!

For both Fontific, and Schismatick Chair,

Nay, all the World of Errors stood in sear,

And of Her sate Restringents had a wholesome share.

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The Crozier bloffom'd, as did Auron's Rod, And shew'd the Best of Churches serv'd her God. No fhorn Ignation's dar'd infest our Isle, Nor John Alask a Gracious Prince beguile. Tork held the Oar, Majestic ANNA face A pious Rectrix at the Helm of State. No foaming Billows dard infulr the Main, For Tork was Pilot, and twas ANNA's Reign. No clashing Swords at Land, alarm'd our Ears, No Civil Discords, or Domestick Fears. No Stygian Paths, b' infernal Ruffins trod, No British Daggers dy'd in British Blood. No dire Contentions did our Joys affay, But all our Strife, was, who should most okey. The Sword was fheath'd, and Foreign Slaughters ceafe, And all was Harmony, and Love, and Peace. The Flow'r de Luce was dead, and all in view, Appear'd as Verdant as our Peace was New-The Belgic-Lion roar'd, and Auftria faw, Her Eagle must submit to Martial-Law; Because the Thiftle, for succeeding time, Was barr'd from sprouting in a Neighb'ring Cline. Munich and Bonne threw all Refentments down, And ferv'd the Eagle, in a British Crown. Thus Europe smil'd, and give Great ANN A Praise, For She from Her enjoy'd those golden Days :

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Thus Europe truckled, thus the Empress sway'd,
While some for Fear, but more for Love obey'd.
Thus did Great-Britain, in her Zenith shine,
And blest the Glorious Relict of the Royal Line.
The UNION clapt her Wings, and stalkt in State,
And nothing mourn'd so much as Glo'ster's fare:
Plung'd in that Charm the Vessel still had reel'd,
Had not Sophia the slack Canvas sill'd.
The Senate's Caution, and Her Princely Care,
Thus blest our Orphan Isle with an Illustrious Heir;
Whose suture Princes from Her golden Chain,
Of Princely Virtues, and Her Standard Reign,
An uncorrupted Glory may attain.

Mourn Britain, for if Heav'n e'er design'd

A Prince to be the Darling of Mankind,

'Twas She, and She (how can that Word be said?)

Our Nostrils Breath, the Mighty ANNA's Dead.

Mourn Belgia Mourn, in Mourning Austria go,

Snevia may Mourn, and so may Gallia too:

Europa Mourn, and in sad Consort say,

The matchless ANNA's gone, Astrea's sledaway.

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Occasion'd by the

Death of Her late MAJESTY.

Etir'd within my felf, thus long to mourn, Despairing of my former Joy's return; Confin'd to mournful melancholy Thought, Whose Cause, excess of Grief alone has wrought, No Remedy to mitigate my Woe. Befides what Tears and deepeft Sighs allow: Fain I from Words wou'd feek for some Relief, Defiring thence no Cure, but Ease from Grief: But oh! the Subject now becomes too great, For Sighs and Tears to show, or Words repeat. This fatal Truth does Albion now confess, And knows not how Her Sorrows to express; But for Heav'ns Promise, which prevents my Fears, I shou'd expert a second Flood by Tears. Time, which has ever yet been found to be, Against such Ills, a Sov'reign Remedy, Will useless now, and ineffectual prove, And must our selves, if it our Griet remove :

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For all till Death must this great Loss deplore, When Time it felf with us can be no more. For ever Sacred be her Memory ; From swift-pac'd Times destructive Power free, 'rill fivallow'd with it in Eternity. What Bleffings did we promise to our Isle? What blooming Hopes did adverse Fare beguile ? Those ill Examples which in Courts abound, (Where Vice in all alluring Shapes is found;) Caus'd on Her well fix'd Virtues no Restraint; Like Mercy kind, and Pious as a Saint. Ne'er were in one fo many Graces feen; Meek, tho' fo Great, and Humble, tho' a QUEEN. Vice in a Torrent long o're-flow'd the Land, Which She alone was able to withfland: Nor only fo, but stemm'd th' increasing Flood, And shew'd the Excellence of being Good. This She durft do, and do at fuch a Time, When Vice was hugg'd, and Virtue thought a Crime. Virtue felt an Eclipse till she appear'd; And scarce more than the Name was known or heard. What Virtues scatter'd in the Sex appear In Her a glorious Constellation were. We now (fince She from Care below's releas'd) May truly fay that Miracles are ceas'd.

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But say, Oh! Whither, whither is She sted?

Methinks I hear Grief whisper, She is Dead.

Oh! never say She's Dead, can such Worth be,

Like us, subjected to Mortality?

Say rather, on an Embassy She's gone,

(As none so sit) to the Celestial Throne,

(As whilst on Earth we were Her chiefest Care,

So now) to fix a firm Alliance there.

Queen ANNE's DEATH.

By Mr. GREGG.

Fates cut the Thread, illustrious ANNA dies.

The fatal Stroke spreads Terrors all around,

In Briny Tears each Loyal Subject's drown'd,

From Heaven's high vauked Arch their dreadful Cries resound.

Struck with Despair, the headless People By,

The dismal Prospect of a low'ring Sky,

Accuse the lingring Fates, and wish to dye

Since ANNA is no more, and Virtue fled,

To th' blifsful Regions Britain's Genius dead.

Our Sighs are loft, and Floods of Tears are vain,

Elizian Shades our nobleft Parts retain,

Nor can Fate now reftore the Blifs again.

Ceafe therefore Britons to largent Her Death,

Since She ferene and calm refign'd Her Breath.

Conscious of nought that could disturb Her Breast,

Smiles in her Agonies, and seems at rest.

Her Country's safety, and its Faith's Desence,

Relief of th' Injur'd, Guard of Innocence.

With equal Justice did Her Laws maintain,

And Heaven well-pleas'd smil'd on Her Glorious Reign.

On the much lamented DEATH

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Most Pious and Illustrious Princes,

Her late MAJESTY,

Queen ANNE.

Who died, August 1. 1714.

ROM joyous Songs, and from the vocal Groves,
Which Camus cherishes, or Isis loves;
Ye Sacred Sisters, whose harmonious Sound
Diffus d the gladsom Notes of Peace around.

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Too foon by cruel Fate you're call'd away, To ceafe your Triumphs for that happy Day. A fudden Cloud o'ertakes your rifing Sun And veils the Glories which were foarce begun. Your Royal Mistress, whose Indulgent Reign New strung your Harps, and swell'd each sprightly Strain 37 She whose dear Life was all you wish'd to have, All that could crown the Bleffings which the gave, Is now no more, the fleeting Joy is past, Too good, too great, too exquifice to laft. Unworthy we! Just Heaven resumes its own To call fuch Virtue to a brighter Throne, Where no Ingrates, no Clamours can molest The Realms of Peace, and her Eternal Reft : There shall she live from Gares of Empire free Nor bear the redious Pains of dull Mortality. That Clime no Scorms of Rage or Envy knows, 193 193 But leaves far off the Trains of human Woes. The bright Inhabitants a Calm enjoy, Sweet as those Objects which their Souls employ Pleasure is here a visionary Taste, But there a folid Good, which Time can never waste. Ye bless'd, from your Immortal Sexts arise, Receive the Durling of our weeping Eyes, She blefs'd our Earth, and will adorn your Skies. Receive Receive her as no Stranger to the Place; But worthy of the Pious Martyr's Race. Long fince to your Abode the Way fhe knew And tho' fhe liv'd with us, convers'd with you. No Day her Sacred Tribute e'er detain'd. To him the still address'd by whom the reign'd; To him with holy Violence flre fu'd, Whose Graces her Celestial Mind imbu'd. This was the Vital Flame which warm'd her Heart, Where vain Ambition never bore a Part. Thus arm'd, Heaven's Foes, and Britain's file withflood; In Meekness Great, and obstinately Good. To Heaven behold her proftrate lowly down, And Greater so, than circled with a Crown; That fplendid Burthen could not tempt her Eye, Well taught, and well prepar'd to lay it by. Her Poeple's Happiness was all her Care, With this no Wealth of Indies could compare, Nor all the dazling Pomp that Afian Monarchs wear. Britannia all her Sovereign's Love possess'd, And reign'd unrival'd in the Royal Breaft From that rich Source auspicious Kindness flow'd, And fmiling Joys on all around bestow'd. Scarce in more tender Streams the Current run, To her dear Confort, or her blooming Son.

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The who can tell the Wive's or Mother's Pain.

For young Marcellus *, and the Royal Dane †.

But grudge we not those happy Shades their Duc.

In loving them she lov'd her People too.

Hail Mighty Dead! no more shall Fate disjoin.

Your Sacred Love, or interrupt its Line.

'Twas more than Mortal here, but now its all. Divine.

But where, O where, wou'd roving Thought aspire.

As touch'd with Beams of the Celestial Fire?

The Glorious State is shut from human View,

And Albion's Loss will Sighs and Tears renew.

ANNA no more shall grace the Sphere below,

But mournful we the sad Procession go.

And wait around her Tomb, the Dreaty Vale of Woo.

Attend ye Britons on the Royal Urn,

For such a QUEEN 'tis impious not to mourn.

But chiefly you whom Sacred Duty ties,

The last religious Rites to solemnize;

Ye venerable Worthies of the Gown,

Who ANNA's Bounties have so largely known,

Return your grateful Tribute to her Name,

Her bright Example to the World proclaim,

And tho' she's goae, still keep her in her Fame.

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^{*} The Duke of Glother. + Prince George.

For well the lov'd, and pitied all your Wrongs,
Sav'd you from Want, and from opprobrious Tongues.
Yet to her Memory no Temples raife

Yet to her Memory no Temples raife, Her felf has fix'd those Monuments of Praise.

This noble Piety will far out-vie

Whatever Efforts human Arts can try :

Shall live when Nature is it felf decay'd,

When the last Ruin shall the World invade,

And Pyramids shall fink, in long Oblivion laid.

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Sir Godfrey Kneller's

Last PICTURE of

Her MAJESTY.

STAY Passenger, if you have Time, and see

The Royal ANNA in Effigie:

As in th' Original the Shades descry.

True Signs of Virtue, as of Majesty;

Next view Her Great in War, as when She fent

Her conqu'ring Armies thro' the Continent.

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But CATO like, she dy'd before she'd see

Her People ruin'd by a Ministry †.

Now first lament her Fate, then own thou'st seen,

The finest Picture of the finest QUEEN.

To the QUEEN,

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PEACE

By Dr. ADAMS.

Reatest of QUEENS, who make while You preside,

Europe the World's, and Britain Europe's Pride;

Now full-grown Conquest offers at your Feet

Her ripen'd'Harvest, and her Fruits complete,

The destin'd Turns of happy Times appear,

And of the Great, rolls on the Greatest Tear.

PALLAS now quits her Shield, serene her Face

In peaceful Ornaments, and milder Grace,

To you she dedicates her dist'rent Pow'rs,

And all the Goddess and her Arts are Tours.

[†] Plainly evidenc'd, by Her Majesty's taking the Staff from the Earl of Oxford.

The Earth in Storms, and Tumules, late engaged, While Armies battled, and while Faction raged, Now on her bhilsful Calm her Thoughes employs, And wonders at the Bleffings the enjoys.

Mean while in cloudless Majesty is feen Goodness with explicated Browserene,

The finish'd eed the mighty Author loves,

And in its own Effects, it less approves.

So when Almighry Power the Chars broke,
And Light from Darkness into Being spoke,
Eternal Wildom smil'd upon the Draught,
Praising the Work, which he himself had wrought.

See, mighty QUEEN, thy Fleets securely sweep

The subject Seas, and Ringdoms of the Deep;

The fruitful Earth, and boundless Ocean too,

Freed by your Hands, their Tribute pay to You,

Britannia's blooming Heroes die no more

The fatal Scheld, or Ister's Purple Shore:

Triumphs obtain'd at that Expense of Blood

Lost half their Value by so dear a Flood.

Gallia enllav'd with all her Pomp, and State

Were a sad Purchase at so high a Rate.

But ye illustrious Shades rejoice below, Share ye your Country's Blis, who shar'd her woe;

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Your Country now, in PEACE securely Great, Receives the Price of your untimely Fate.

But thou Britannia's Pride, whose pow'rful HandAfferts the Empire of the Sea, and Land,
Whose Providence Europa's Guardian Prov'd,
Bleffing the World, by all the World belov'd.
Tho' your Bright Court the crowding Nations draws
And Kings contend to crown you with Applause,
Yet not averse, accept our lesser Praise
The meaner Muse, and her officious Lays,
Accept her Lays, but with that Gracious Eye
That bids tumultuous War, and Fastion die,
Your Thunder now laid down propitious hear,
And in your milder Metributes appear.

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Serenissima REGINÆ

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PLaudite, Calicola, quia vobis addittur

Et nunc cum CAROLO Martyre regnat

Quaq, dedit Pacem in terris, Regina beata,

Aterna in Calis pramia Pacis habet.

Johannes Freman.



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